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Judicial Nominating and Performance Commissions Application Announcement

The Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions is now accepting non-attorney applications for Judicial Performance Commissions (all 22 Judicial Districts) and non-attorney applications for the Judicial Nominating Commissions in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd Judicial Districts and the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission. **The deadline to apply for these commissions is Tuesday, September 15th.**

Judicial Nominating Commissions

Judicial Nominating Commissions select judicial candidates for consideration by the Governor. A Judicial Nominating Commission is activated whenever a judge retires, is not retained, or a new position is created. The commission, joined by a state Supreme Court justice acting ex officio, then meets to review applications, conduct interviews, and select the top three candidates for the Governor's consideration.

Commission members must reside within the judicial district, are volunteers and serve six-year terms. Article VI, Section 24 of the state Constitution requires that no political party can have a majority of greater than one member on any nominating commission, and also requires that at least one commissioner reside in each of the counties of the district. Members of the commission may not hold an elected state public office or elected political party office.

Judicial Performance Commissions

Judicial Performance Commissions provide voters with fair, responsible and constructive evaluations of judges and justices seeking retention. The Commissions review survey data, written work, and self-evaluations and also observe judges in court. On the basis of this information, each commission makes a recommendation to retain or not to retain a judge standing for retention, and provides a written summary of its evaluation to be included in the "blue book" sent to voters prior to a retention election.

In addition, the Commissions conduct interim evaluations of judges, providing them with feedback on such matters as integrity, communication skills, judicial demeanor, and other criteria.

Commission members must reside within the judicial district, are non-partisan, and serve 4-year terms.

Call for Applications

The Governor seeks non-attorney applicants for *Judicial Nominating Commissions* in the following judicial districts:

- 3rd (Huerfano and Las Animas counties)
- 4th (El Paso and Teller counties) (3 vacancies) (preferably from Teller county)
- 5th (Eagle, Lake, Summit, and Clear Creek counties)
- 6th (San Juan, La Plata, and Archuleta counties) (preferably from Archuleta county)
- 7th (Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray, San Miguel, Montrose, and Delta counties) (2 vacancies) (preferably from Gunnison or San Miguel county)
- 8th (Larimer and Jackson counties)
- 9th (Rio Blanco, Garfield, Pitkin counties)
- 10th (Pueblo County) (Must be a registered Republican or Unaffiliated voter)
- 16th (Crowley, Otero, and Bent counties)
- 17th (Adams County)
- 18th (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln counties) (Must be from Douglas or Elbert county)
- 19th (Weld County) (2 vacancies)
- 20th (Boulder County)
- 21st (Mesa County) (2 vacancies)
- 22nd (Montezuma and Dolores counties)

In addition, there is a vacancy on the Supreme Court Nominating Commission for a non-attorney residing in the 5th Congressional District.

If you are interested in applying for a Judicial Nominating Commission and meet the requirements of one of the vacancies described above, please complete and submit the application for the Judicial Nominating Commission, available at http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/File/Court_Probation/Supreme_Court/Committees/Judicial_nominating_Commission/nomcommapp1.pdf, and return the application with a resume or bio to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at fax number: (303) 866-6368 or boards@state.co.us by September 15.

The Governor also seeks non-attorney applications for the *Judicial Performance Commissions* in all 22 Judicial Districts. There are two non-attorney vacancies in each district. Applications for the Judicial Performance Commission can be found at <http://www.cojudicialperformance.com/documents/PerfAppfinal.pdf> and should be returned, together with a resume or bio, to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at fax number: (303) 866-6368 or boards@state.co.us by September 15.

For more information about the application process, you may contact the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at 303-866-6380.